process of selection of the agency undertake this study is in progress. The udy is likely to take about 2 years, after it is entrusted to the selected agency.

Ceiling on personal incomes

*237. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission e made a study on the ceiling on perso- incomes;

) if so, whether the study has revea- that a ceiling on income may lead evasion or concealment of earnings;

) whether in view of the generation black money Government have drop- the proposal of a ceiling on personal omes; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Supply of sophisticated weapons by the US to Pakistan

*238. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US is favouring Pakistan by supplying sophisticated weaponry irrespective of the fact that more evidence has come up of the efforts of Pakistan to make nuclear bombs; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are alert to all development having bearing on India's security and will take whatever action is necessary to safeguard it.

Report of the National Commission on Agriculture

*239. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Agriculture in its recent report have observed that the rural women were denied their basic rights and had remained neglected so far; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The National Commission on Agriculture had submitted its Report as far back as in 1976 and thereafter no report has been received. In the 1976 report there is no such observation that the women were denied their basic rights and remained neglected.

(b) Question does not arise.

Benefits to the families of IPKF jawans

*240. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casualties so far among the Jawans of the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka; and

(b) whether Government have decided to increase the benefits of the families of those killed in Sri Lanka in view of the difficult nature of the mission undertaken by the Indian jawans?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The number of IPKF jawans killed in Sri Lanka as on 6-3-1988 is 337.

(b) A statement indicating the benefits extended to the families of IPKF Personnel killed and to those who are wounded and invalided out is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Pensionary and other benefits Admissible in the Case of troops of IPKF

(A) The widows of the IPKF personnel killed while deployed in Sri Lanka are entitled to the following liberalised pensionary awards:—

(i) *Liberalised special family pensi*

Liberalised Special Family Pensi equal to the reckonable emoluments la drawn both for the officers and the personnel below officer rank shall be admissible to the widow in the case of officers and to the nominated heirs in the case of personnel below officer rank until death or disqualification.

(ii) *Death Gratuity:*

Death Gratuity is admissible at following rates:

Length of qualifying service	Rate of Gratuity
(i) Less than one year	2 times
(ii) One year or more but less than 5 years .	6 times of reckonable emoluments
(iii) Five years or more but less than 20 years .	12 times
(iv) 20 years or more	Half of reckonable emoluments for completed six monthly period of qualifying service subject to a minium 12 times and a maximum of 33 times reckonable emoluments provided that the amount of death gratuity shall in no case exceed Rs. 1 lakh.

(iii) *Family Gratuity*

Family gratuity will be payable in cases of death, in addition to the death gratuity admissible under the Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity Scheme at the following rates:—

(a) *Officers :*

Rank	Rates (Rs.) Widow/Children	Parents (In the absence of Widow/Children)
2 Lt	2000	1000
Lt	3000	1500
Capt	4500	2250
Major	6500	3250
Lt Col	8000	4000
Col	9500	4750
Brig	11000	5500
Maj Gen	13000	6500
Lt Gen	14500	7250
Gen	16000	8000